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**MONTANA THIRTEENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT,  
YELLOWSTONE COUNTY**

IN RE THE REFERRAL OF

CRIMINAL ARRAIGNMENTS TO THE

STANDING MASTER

Cause No.: SB 22-1

**STANDING ORDER  
OF REFERENCE**

The Thirteenth Judicial District Court Judges established and defined the scope of the positions of District Standing Masters with our *Charter Order in re District Standing Master Establishment & Procedure* on August 28, 2015 (Cause No. SB 2015-0001) and *Revised Charter Order in re District Standing Master Establishment & Procedure* on February 2, 2022. The position was established for the purpose of relieving the workload of the eight departments and improving service to litigants in the Thirteenth Judicial District.


**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:**

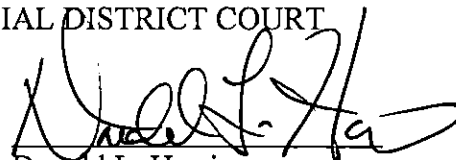
1. The Thirteenth Judicial Standing Master shall be sworn in as Special Master pursuant to Mont. Code Ann. §3-5-113(2); and
2. When a District Court Judge is unable to conduct arraignment hearings, they shall notify the Standing Master who will be responsible for conducting said arraignment hearings as a Special Master. *See* Mont. Code Ann. §3-5-113(2)(c). These duties include, but are not limited to:
  - a. Reviewing the information and determining if there is probable cause to grant leave to file the information;


- b. Issuing Partner or Family Member No Contact Orders pursuant to Mont. Code Ann. § 45-5-209.
- c. Determining whether the Defendant is under any disability that would prevent him/her from being able to proceed, (See Mont. Code Ann. §46-12-201(3));
- d. Advising the Defendant of charges and possible penalties;
- e. Advising the Defendant of petitions to revoke release or sentence;
- f. Entering Defendant's plea;
- g. Addressing warrant appearances; and
- h. Setting bond and conditions.

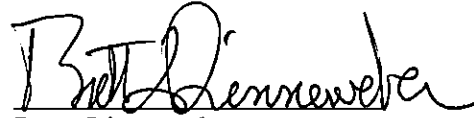
SO ORDERED this 2 day of February, 2022.

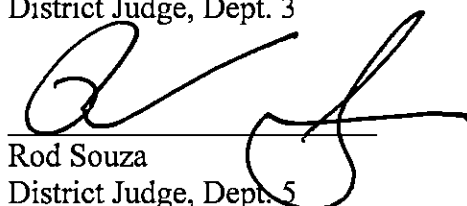
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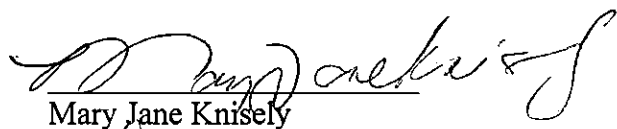
  
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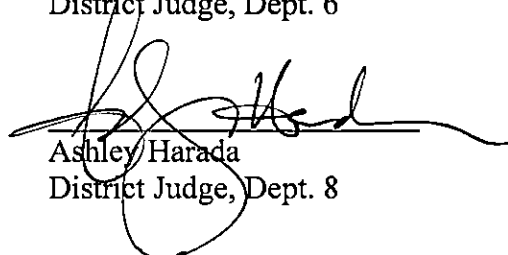
  
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District Judge, Dept. 7

  
Ashley Harada  
District Judge, Dept. 8